

Chairperson: Supervisor Gerry Broderick
Committee Clerk: Carol Mueller, 278-4228
Research Analyst: Julie Esch, 278-4430

PARKS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 16, 2008 - 9:00 A.M.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

M I N U T E S

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

PRESENT: Supervisors Sanfelippo, Coggs, Dimitrijevic, Rice, Larson, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chairperson) – 7

Confirmation - 1

1. 08-310 From the County Board Chairman, appointing Nancy Davlantes to serve on the Milwaukee County Parks Advisory Commission for a term expiring on August 1, 2011. She will be succeeding Daniel J. Steininger whose appointment expired on August 1, 2008.

Appearances:

Terrence Cooley, County Board Chief of Staff
Nancy Davlantes, Appointee

Mr. Cooley introduced Ms. Davlantes and explained that she was informally appointed as she has been an alternate for the Commission since its inception and has attended all the meetings.

MOTION BY: (Dimitrijevic) Confirm appointment. **(Vote 7-0)**

AYES: Sanfelippo, Coggs, Dimitrijevic, Rice, Larson, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) - 7

NOES: - 0

Presentation - 1

2. 08-R21 An introduction of the Director of the Milwaukee Art Museum, Mr. Dan Keegan by Supervisor Patricia Jursik. **(Informational unless otherwise directed by the Committee.)**

Appearances:

Supervisor Patricia Jursik, District 8
Dan Keegan, Director, Milwaukee Art Museum

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Supervisor Jursik introduced Mr. Keegan. She explained that he is originally from Green Bay and has come back to Wisconsin via San Jose, California.

Mr. Keegan voiced his pleasure at returning to Wisconsin and Milwaukee in particular since it is a great community. He spoke of his goals and vision for the Art Museum. He would like to strengthen the partnership with Milwaukee County. There are many challenges ahead and the Art Museum is working on a strategic long-term plan for infrastructure needs. He also noted two milestones that are on the horizon. 2011 will be the tenth anniversary of the Calatrava and 2013 will be the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Art Museum.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

Transportation and Public Works –2

3. 07-111 (a)(a) From the Director, Transportation and Public Works, regarding an adopted resolution creating an environmental and conservational “Green Print”, requesting authorization to work with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to determine a funding source to conduct a Technical Energy Audit (TEA) for County owned buildings for 2009. **(Also to the Committee on Finance and Audit.) (Referred back 7/24/08 to Green Print Work Group) (Report from Green Print Work Group) (Informational unless otherwise directed by the Committee.)**

Appearances:

Julie Esch, County Board Research Analyst

Greg High, Director, Architecture Engineering and Environmental Services

Mr. High explained that the report was drafted as a group. Ms. Esch further explained that the action recommended by the Work Group and DAS is to implement a fund transfer for the \$150,000 should the need arise to cover expenses for the Technical Energy Audit. The position of the Director of Sustainability should be filled by mid October and will act as the chairman of the Work Group. A future update will be submitted for the December cycle.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

4. 08-318 From the Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting approval to apply for and receive funding from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) in support of a Clean Sweep Agriculture Program in 2009.

Appearance:

Greg High, Director, Architecture Engineering and Environmental Services

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Mr. High explained the Department has had great success receiving funding in 1997, 2002 and 2005 with this grant. The Department is teaming with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewer District for the grant.

MOTION BY: (Sanfelippo) Approve. **(Vote 7-0)**

AYES: Sanfelippo, Coggs, Dimitrijevic, Rice, Larson, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) - 7

NOES: - 0

Parks – 6

5. 08-306 From the Director, Parks Recreation and Culture, requesting authority to prepare, review, approve, execute, and record all documents with the assistance of the Register of Deeds, Corporation Counsel and Risk Management, as required to grant the required permits and easement to the City of Milwaukee for a storm sewer and related infrastructure located in Lincoln Park.

Appearance:

Kevin Haley, Parks, Planning and Development

Mr. Haley explained that this park was acquired from the City of Milwaukee in the 1930's. The agreement states the City must update and repair all infrastructures. This easement will allow the City the required access should the need arise.

MOTION BY: (Lipscomb) Approve. **(Vote 7-0)**

AYES: Sanfelippo, Coggs, Dimitrijevic, Rice, Larson, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) - 7

NOES: - 0

6. 08-330 From the Director, Parks Recreation and Culture, requesting authority to apply for and accept a 2009 Wisconsin Urban Forestry Program grant for activities relating to the emerald ash borer infestation on Milwaukee County lands.

Appearances:

Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture

Kevin Haley, Parks, Planning and Development

Mr. Haley told the Committee of the Parks' diligence on applying for any available grants. The emerald ash borer is a priority with the Urban Forestry Program. He also stated that by injecting the ash tree with chemicals there is a good chance of preventing the ash borer from taking over. This insect attacks all ash trees including green, white and black.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Ms. Black talked of Milwaukee County being a catalyst to have a plan in place if there is action needed. She also noted that the Department is planting ash trees in different areas of the parks now.

MOTION BY: (Sanfelippo) Approve. **(Vote 7-0)**

AYES: Sanfelippo, Coggs, Dimitrijevic, Rice, Larson, Lipscomb and Broderick (Chair) - 7

NOES: - 0

7. 08-276
(a) From the Director, Parks Recreation and Culture, a report back on an adopted resolution regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the redevelopment of North Harbor Drive providing details of the project including any impact on County land. **(Informational unless otherwise directed by the Committee.)**

Appearance:

Kevin Haley, Parks, Planning and Development

Supervisor Rice thanked the Department for this report and complemented the Department on the nice clean street scalping this would present.

The City of Milwaukee has also signed the MOU for this project.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

8. 08-R14 From the Director, Parks Recreation and Culture and update on the Park Ranger program within the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture. **(Informational unless otherwise directed by the Committee.)**

Appearances:

Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture

Laura Schloesser, Parks Safety and Training Manager

Ms. Black introduced Ms. Schloesser and complimented her on the success of the program.

Ms. Schloesser was very excited on how successful the first year of the Park Ranger Program has been. This year was focused on community service to encourage people to return to the parks. The Department worked with the "friends" groups to revitalize the park watch groups. The Rangers distributed 500 business cards with contact information on the back throughout the summer mostly to children, with coupons good for money off on the pools. Rangers were present at the festivals, walks and runs and partnered with local law enforcement. VISIT Milwaukee provided training to be tourism ambassadors for the County.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Ms. Black explained how in this first year the Rangers stressed education on fees and compliance. Next year there will be punitive actions and citations issued. At this time there are no numbers available on any noticeable increases in revenues.

Supervisor Coggs gave kudos to the great presence of the Rangers in the Parks.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

9. 08-R18 From the Director of Parks Recreation and Culture, a report back on the Department recommendations regarding all bathrooms rated "F", based on the bathroom inspection and evaluation report from the July 2007 meeting. **(Informational unless otherwise directed by the Committee.)**

Appearance:

James Keegan, Chief Planning and Development

Mr. Keegan informed the Committee due to the timing of this report the Department did not request any capital money in the 2009 budget.

Supervisor Coggs requested a fiscal note on the cost to replace/repair the recommended facilities rated "F" by location per bathroom submitted to the Committee prior to the 2009 capital budget hearings.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

10. 08-R22 From the Director of Parks Recreation and Culture, a verbal report on the 2035 Park and Open Space Plan. **(Informational unless otherwise directed by the Committee.)**

Appearances:

Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture

Kevin Haley, Parks, Planning and Development

Both Chairman Broderick and Director Black felt it was important to talk about the future plans of where the parks are going. The tool that is currently used was completed in 1991 and approved by the Board in 1992. This is used as a reference for development. To be proactive the Department is looking to 2035 for a long-term vision. The planning authority on the seven-region area is the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC). The update is based on SEWRPC's 2035 Regional Land Use report. The statistical analysis of the data includes demographics, population, resources and land use. In cooperation with SEWRPC, the Department is collaborating on the document. Four public information meetings will be held in the future for input and concerns. Once the plan is completed the Department will come back to the

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Committee for final approval sometime in 2009. It is important that all 19 municipalities adopt the concept or incorporate the Parks' plan into their own. This plan will assist future efforts to apply for grant funding. The need is to keep the plan current and contemporary. Based on analysis of the overall park system, the Department will look for open space acquisitions and be prepared for future needs.

Supervisor Broderick said in light of the unstable economy land that was slated for development in the Park East remains vacant. He requested a report for the October meeting on the feasible including costs of the Parks Department grasping this land temporarily, dressing it up for public use with future sale of the land available.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

This meeting was recorded. Committee files contain copies of the subject reports, communications, resolutions, and ordinances, which may be reviewed upon request to the Chief Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes, along with the audio recording of this meeting, are available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Length of meeting: 9:00 a.m. until approximately 10:05 a.m.
Carol Mueller, Committee Clerk

Staff Present:

Mr. Terrence Cooley, County Board Chief of Staff
Supervisor Patricia Jursik, District 8
Ms. Julie Esch, Research Analyst
Mr. Greg High, Director, Architecture Engineering and Environmental Services
Ms. Sue Black, Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture
Mr. Kevin Haley, Parks, Planning and Development
Ms. Laura Schloesser, Parks Safety and Training Manager
Mr. James Keegan, Chief Planning and Development

DEADLINE FOR THE PARKS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

The next regular meeting for the Parks Committee is October 28, 2008. **All items for the agenda must be in the Committee Clerk's possession by the end of the business day on Tuesday, October 14, 2008.**

ADA accommodation requests should be filed with the Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities 278-3932 (voice) or 278-3937 (TTY) upon receipt of this notice.